

Notice of Allowability

Application No.

10/808,603

Applicant(s)

MARUTA, NAOTO

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1. ☒ This communication is responsive to communication received 11/23/04.
2. ☒ The allowed claim(s) is/are 1-9.
3. ☒ Acknowledgment is made of a claim for foreign priority under 35 U.S.C. § 119(a)-(d) or (f).
- a) ☒ All b) ☐ Some* c) ☐ None of the:
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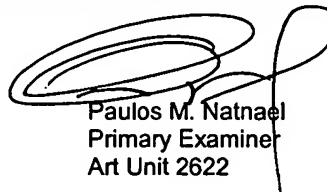
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4. ☐ A SUBSTITUTE OATH OR DECLARATION must be submitted. Note the attached EXAMINER'S AMENDMENT or NOTICE OF INFORMAL PATENT APPLICATION (PTO-152) which gives reason(s) why the oath or declaration is deficient.
5. ☐ CORRECTED DRAWINGS (as "replacement sheets") must be submitted.
- (a) ☐ including changes required by the Notice of Draftsperson's Patent Drawing Review (PTO-948) attached
- 1) ☐ hereto or 2) ☐ to Paper No./Mail Date _____.
- (b) ☐ including changes required by the attached Examiner's Amendment / Comment or in the Office action of Paper No./Mail Date _____.
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6. ☐ DEPOSIT OF and/or INFORMATION about the deposit of BIOLOGICAL MATERIAL must be submitted. Note the attached Examiner's comment regarding REQUIREMENT FOR THE DEPOSIT OF BIOLOGICAL MATERIAL.

Attachment(s)

1. ☒ Notice of References Cited (PTO-892)
2. ☐ Notice of Draftsperson's Patent Drawing Review (PTO-948)
3. ☒ Information Disclosure Statements (PTO-1449 or PTO/SB/08), Paper No./Mail Date 11/23/04
4. ☐ Examiner's Comment Regarding Requirement for Deposit of Biological Material
5. ☐ Notice of Informal Patent Application (PTO-152)
6. ☐ Interview Summary (PTO-413), Paper No./Mail Date _____.
7. ☐ Examiner's Amendment/Comment
8. ☒ Examiner's Statement of Reasons for Allowance
9. ☐ Other _____.


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DETAILED ACTION

Allowable Subject Matter

1. Claims 1-9 are allowed.
2. The following is an examiner's statement of reasons for allowance: the prior art fails to disclose the following combinations of limitations, comprising a liquid crystal television comprising: a main body having a substantially thin box shape; and a stand placed to a back surface of the main body, wherein the stand splits from the back surface of the main body, and supports the main body standing and tilting backward at a predetermined angle, the stand including: a substantially box shaped pivot member pivotally connected by a predetermined pivot axis between a retracted state in which the stand is substantially in parallel with the main body and a split state in which the stand is at the predetermined angle to the main body; a moving block held in the pivot member and movable in a direction of a radius about the predetermined pivot axis; a stopper for latching the main body when the stand is at the predetermined angle to the main body to thereby prevent the stand from splitting over the predetermined angle; concave and convex engagement structures formed in parallel with a moving direction of the moving block to slidably engage each other, the structure being respectively formed to the moving block and the pivot member; and a supporting arm whose top ends are fixed to the moving block, which projects outward from the pivot member, and which has a grounding portion formed at its lower end by bending a rod into a handle shape to reach an outer ground plane, wherein a guide block in parallel with a moving direction of the

moving block and in slidable contact with the moving block is formed in the pivot member; wherein a gap is formed to a substantial center of the guide block; wherein a bended portion of a substantially doglegged blade spring projects via the gap toward the moving block; wherein both ends of the blade spring come into contact with an inner circumferential wall in the pivot member to generate resilience so that the bended portion projects toward the moving block; wherein the resilience is enhanced by inserting a resilient member into a small space surrounded by the bended portion of the blade spring and the inner circumferential wall in the pivot member; wherein the bended portion comes into contact with a lower curvedly-chamfered corner of the moving block when the moving block is at an upper end position to which the moving block can move in the pivot member, and the bended portion comes into contact with an upper curvedly-chamfered corner of the moving block when the moving block is at a lower end position to which the moving block can move in the pivot member, so that the bended portion of the blade spring follows the chamfered portions and deforms to project toward the moving block to thereby release the resilience; wherein the main body has a larger grounding area in a tilted state in which the moving block is at the upper end position in the pivot member than in a tilted state in which the moving block is at the lower end position in the pivot member; and wherein a rubber foot is installed to a bottom surface of the main body, as in claim 1; and, a liquid crystal television comprising: a main body having a substantially thin box shape; and a stand placed to a back surface of the main body, wherein the stand splits from the back surface of the main body to support the main body tilting backward at a predetermined angle, the stand including: a substantially

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box shaped pivot member pivotally connected by a predetermined pivot axis between its retracted state substantially in parallel with the main body and its split state at the predetermined angle to the main body; a moving block which is held in the pivot member, which is movable within a predetermined length in the radial direction about the pivot axis, and which can be stably held at a plurality of positions; and a supporting arm whose upper ends are fixed to the moving block and which projects outward from the pivot member to reach an outer grounding portion at its lower end, as in claim 2.

Any comments considered necessary by applicant must be submitted no later than the payment of the issue fee and, to avoid processing delays, should preferably accompany the issue fee. Such submissions should be clearly labeled "Comments on Statement of Reasons for Allowance."

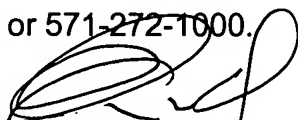
Conclusion

Any inquiry concerning this communication or earlier communications from the examiner should be directed to Paulos M. Natnael whose telephone number is (571) 272-7354. The examiner can normally be reached on 9am - 5:30pm M,W, F (7am-3:30pm T,Th).

If attempts to reach the examiner by telephone are unsuccessful, the examiner's supervisor, David Ometz can be reached on (571)272-7593. The fax phone number for the organization where this application or proceeding is assigned is 571-273-8300.

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